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In re Application of:	Van Eikeren, Plaumann
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For:	Covering Composition, Method and Device for Isolating Tooth Material To Be Treated and Producing A shield For The Surrounding Gums and/or Adjacent Teeth
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Preliminary Amendment

This preliminary amendment is submitted with this national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 from PCT/EP03/06433 with an International filing date of June 18, 2003 claiming priority from German patent application No. 102 45 274.1 filed September 27, 2002.

The application enters the US national stage with claims 1 – 14, as amended during Chapter II in response to the Written Opinion.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: